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## Diamondhead mayor not guilty of assault

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
NEWS EDITOR

Diamondhead Mayor Thomas E. "Tommy" Schafer was found not guilty of assault on Monday.

Schafer deferred comment in the matter to his attorney, Tim C. Holleman.

"We said in the beginning there was no substance to these charges, and we welcomed the chance to put people under oath and let them testify," Holleman said Tuesday.

"After hearing all the testimony, the judge ruled as we thought he would -- there was not an assault. ... There is video surveillance which we played in court, over and over again."

Diamondhead Property Owners Association President Robert Clark Marthouse, II, filed a com-



**Diamondhead Mayor Tommy Schafer**

plaint against Schafer in Diamondhead Municipal Court on Sept. 9.

In the complaint, Marthouse alleged that during a Sept. 4 Community Collaborative Committee meeting between members of the POA and city officials to discuss the future of the city's amenities, Schafer angrily pushed him, "knocking him down caus-

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## Former Hancock Justice Court deputy clerk pleads guilty to embezzling more than \$100K from county

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
NEWS EDITOR

A former Hancock County Justice Court deputy clerk on Monday pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$100,000 in public funds.

Dana Sue Beaman, 42, of Bay St. Louis, "pled guilty yesterday to two counts of Embezzlement

by Public Employee before Judge Roger Clark at the Hancock County Courthouse," District Attorney Joel Smith said in a press release issued Tuesday.

Beaman served as a justice court deputy clerk from January 2008 until June 2011. After a lengthy investigation, she was arrested in July 2017.

Initially, she admitted to embezzling around \$4,000 from justice court, but when the Hancock County Sheriff's Office called in the state auditor's office, that amount vastly increased, Smith said.

"The investigation began in May 2011 when former Hancock County Justice Court Clerk Elizabeth Martin discovered errors in the filing of court documents," Smith said. "This led to an inquiry by Ms. Martin



**Dana Sue Beaman**

After the parade, a

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## PRCC BREAKS GROUND ON BRYANT AVIATION AND AEROSPACE ACADEMY



Echo staff photo by Cassandra Favre

PRCC hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday for the Phil Bryant Aviation and Aerospace Academy, located at Stennis International Airport. From left are, Hancock County Tax Assessor Jimmie Ladner, Hancock County School District Superintendent Alan Dedeaux, Diamondhead Ward 2 Alderman Alan Moran, PRCC President Adam Breerwood, Hancock County District 2 Supervisor Greg Shaw, Gov. Phil Bryant, Hancock County District 4 Supervisor Scotty Adam, Incoming Hancock County District 3 Supervisor Kodie Koenenn, Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar, and Hancock County Board of Supervisors President Blaine LaFontaine.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE  
STAFF WRITER

Pearl River Community College on Tuesday broke ground on the Phil Bryant Aviation and Aerospace Academy, which will be located at the Stennis International Airport in Hancock County.

The construction is made possible by a \$2 million grant from the Department of Economic Development Administration. It will be matched with more than \$3.9 million in state and local investments and is expected to help create 469 jobs, retain 550 jobs, and generate \$5 million in private investments," a



Echo staff photo by Cassandra Favre

**Gov. Phil Bryant speaks at Tuesday's groundbreaking.**

release from PRCC states. "The opportunity to gather here today is a testament to this communi-

ty," PRCC President Adam Breerwood said. "A testament to the cooperation and support from

many difference individuals and governmental agencies. We're grateful for the hard work and commitment to this project and look forward to the numerous opportunities that it will bring to the region."

Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director Glenn McCullough introduced Gov. Phil Bryant.

"Wernher von Braun, who was chosen to help run the space program, famously said 'Man will go to the Moon one day and return safely to Earth, but he's going to have to pass through Hancock County to get there,' Bryant said. "Today, Dr.

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## 'Christmas in the Bay' draws hundreds

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
NEWS EDITOR

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Old Town Bay St. Louis on Saturday night for the first-ever Christmas in the Bay parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

"We are very excited about the turn-out," Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre said. "It was very unexpected for a first-year event, and the short amount of time we had to put this thing together. We had people from over in the Mandeville area come in, people from Pascagoula, Hattiesburg and lots of other places."

The parade included "about 20 or so golf carts, 20 or so antique cars, and there were a lot of people marching," Favre said, including the Bay Ratz Marching Battery, dance groups and Girl Scout Troop 3438.

After the parade, a



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

**Santa Claus visits with children Saturday in front of the Hancock County Courthouse during the Christmas in the Bay celebration.**

crowd formed in front of the Hancock County Courthouse on Main Street for the tree-lighting ceremony and listened to carolers and visit with Santa Claus.

Favre said Christmas

in the Bay started after "a bunch of friends got together" to try to figure out a way to draw more people downtown for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

"They had the tree

lighting last year," he said, "and we were just trying to bring more people down here for it. Next year, we'll be even bigger. We learned some things,

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what we need to do next time to make it better, and we'll start advertising it further out."

Santa is scheduled to return to Bay St. Louis this Saturday, Dec. 7, for the 12th annual Bay St. Louis Christmas Parade and 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugar Plums Festival at the historic Bay St. Louis Depot.

The parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Nacaise Avenue and Main Street, heads to Beach Boulevard, Court Street, Second Street, Union Street and ends at the Depot District — where the Snowflakes and Sugar Plums Festival kicks off.

Later on Saturday, Santa will head over to Coleman Avenue for the Waveland Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting beginning at 5 p.m.

The annual Pearlington Christmas Parade is also scheduled Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Old Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, before it rolls up White's Road to Seventh Avenue, down to Highway 90, down 604 and ends at the Pearlington Community Center. For more information, call 228-671-9576 or 228-671-6272.

Other events on Saturday include:

Holiday Tour of Homes: Tour six homes festively decorated for the holidays in Bay Saint Louis. Cost is \$15 per ticket and can be purchased at Maggie May's in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Animal Shelter. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheanimalshelter.org](http://www.friendsoftheanimalshelter.org). Held from 1-4 p.m.

Shopping and Movie Night for Kids: Children's shopping night in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Shops will be open until 6 p.m. For more information,

visit [www.baystlouis-ms.gov](http://www.baystlouis-ms.gov).

Juried Art Show and Reception: The Arts of Hancock County will host the show and awards reception. From 6-8:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from Dec. 10-14 at the Ground Zero Museum, 355 Coleman Ave., Waveland. Free.

On Sunday, the Hancock County Library System will host its annual Holiday Tree Gala at the Bay St. Louis branch from 1-4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.hancocklibraries.info](http://www.hancocklibraries.info).

Other upcoming holiday events include:

Tuesday, Dec. 10  
A Gingerbread Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be available at the Pearlington Public Library, 6096 First Ave. For more information, visit [www.hancocklibraries.info](http://www.hancocklibraries.info). Starts at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12  
A Natural Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be on hand at the East Hancock County Public Library, 4545 Shepherd Square, Diamondhead. Starts at 6 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Night: Social Chair, Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Held from 5-7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13  
Christmas Holiday Reception: Enjoy Christmas carols with local schoolchildren. Santa Claus will be there, and local tourism partners will serve refreshments. Held at the Mississippi Welcome Center, I-10 and Highway 607. For more information, call 228-533-5554. Held from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14  
Fire Truck Christmas Parade: Numerous fire trucks parade through Kiln with Santa Claus. Starts at Bobinger Road and ends at the Hancock County Arena, 4184 Kiln-Delisle Road, Kiln. For more information, call 228-493-5666. Starts at noon.

Childrens Christmas Crafts Fair: Bourgeois

Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will sponsor their annual Children's Christmas Craft Fair from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 77 located at 503 Waveland Ave. The Christmas Craft Fair is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Admission is \$6 per child and includes lunch, snacks and craft supplies. Parents, here is your opportunity to go Christmas shopping, visit a friend, etc., while your children enjoy lunch, crafts, storytelling and a visit from Santa. Children will be served lunch and cookies & punch at snack time. All children will be supervised by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Unit 77. For more information or to pre-register contact Diane Fountain at 467-2198.

Christmas Live Nativity Re-enactment: Performed by the children of MAP. Held at the Alice Moseley pavilion at the historic Train Depot grounds in Bay Saint Louis. Starts at 7 p.m.

A Soulful Christmas: Breakfast, selfies with Black Santa, games and prizes for the kids at 100 Men Gall, 103 Union St., Bay Saint Louis. Open to the public. Held from 9 a.m.-noon.

Historic Pirate Re-enactment: Relive the Battle of Bay Saint Louis on this anniversary date of the historic conflict. For more information, call Donald Rafferty at 228-365-5581.

Second Saturday Artwalk: Shoppers will enjoy strolling carolers as they meander through Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Shops are open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., with special events running from 4-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church Live Nativity: Celebrate Christmas under the stars during this re-enactment of the Christmas Story. First Baptist Church, Main Street, Bay Saint Louis. Starts at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17



Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

Christmas in the Bay drew hundreds of people to Old Town Bay St. Louis on Saturday. Mayor Mike Favre -- pictured at top with Nikki Moon -- said next year's parade will be even bigger.

A Nutcracker Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be on hand at the Waveland Public Library, 345 Coleman Ave., Waveland. For more information, visit [www.hancocklibraries.info](http://www.hancocklibraries.info)

. Starts at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19  
A Down Home Christmas: Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck, and refreshments will be served. Held at the Kiln Public Library, 17065

Highway 603, Kiln. Starts at 6 p.m.

(Wise) Men's Shopping Night: Held at Social Chair in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Runs from 5-7 p.m.

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# Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

Kenneth W. Stalter Jr., 36, controlled substance: to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance

Edward J. Thomas, 61, trespassing, shoplifting

Robert T. Wilson, 75, simple assault

Amber M. Necaise, 34, hindering prosecution or apprehension, resisting/obstructing arrest

Michael L. Coleman,

36, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest

Richard L. Schmidt, 32, hold for other agency

Donna M. Holt, 60, felony possession of controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, controlled substance: trafficking

Brandi Yeager, 42, grand larceny

Truman L. Reavis, 35, shoplifting

Kayla N. Necaise, 28, possession of paraphernalia x 2, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle

Rudolph B. Jackson, 39, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, no drivers license, no insurance, improper equipment

Sandra M. Barnard, 42, contempt failure to appear

Lionne V. Gooden, 19, disorderly conduct

Gerald A. Schoonmaker Jr., 37, DUI first offense, DUI child endangerment

Danny P. Porter, 25,

contempt of court failure to appear

James T. Blount, 32, burglary x 2

Zina N. Stubbs, 46, simple assault

Shawandy K. Roberts, 35, shoplifting

Jewell J. Watts, 24, shoplifting

Roman B. Lewis, 36, abusive calls to emergency telephone service (911)

Jennifer L. Gatlin, 40, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Nicholas M. Dowden, 23, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest, simple assault, contempt of court failure to appear, false identifying information

Frank J. Peralta, 35, contempt of court failure to appear x 2

Lance J. Tomasich, 29, DUI:refusal to submit to test, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams), reckless driving, failure to yield to blue lights

Kaitlyn M. Pidcoe, 18, contempt failure to appear, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

Cherie A. Snipes, possession of paraphernalia

Michael V. Menzelli, 58,

simple domestic violence (fourth offense)

Dianna L. Saucier, 55, drunkenness/profanity in public place

Anthony Cuccia III, 56, simple assault

Martin A. Favre, 73, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest, simple assault

Chad P. Favre, 46, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest, simple assault x 2

Mary C. Terrio, 60, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest

Kent J. Peterson, 29, malicious mischief

Dontrell M. Stewart, 22, drunkenness/profanity in public place

Melissa A. Hanna, 50, disorderly conduct

Gary N. Warner, 42, no tag

Andrew P. Viescas, 31, simple assault

Lisa M. Vaughan, 29, contempt failure to comply

Robert L. Lizana, 26, contempt of court failure to appear

Jody R. Morse Jr., 30, shoplifting, resisting/obstructing arrest, disorderly conduct

Jaclyn M. Sullivan, 27,

simple assault, contempt of court failure to appear

Sarah G. Ladner, 32, felony possession of controlled substance

Matthew J. Necaise, 54, felony possession of controlled substance

Georgia S. Reeves, 55, DUI:refusal to submit to test, careless driving

Joshua A. Trauth, 35, probation violation

Nancy Busby, 65, fraud:bad checks:penalties/restitution

Coleman J. Zeno III, 49, DUI:first offense

David J. Rogers, 35, drunkenness/profanity in public place, indecent exposure

Dwight S. Harris, 44, DUI:first offense, careless driving

Steven C. Herring Jr., 23, retaliation against a public servant, resisting/obstructing arrest, disorderly conduct

Dylan G. Ladner, 25, resisting/obstructing arrest, disorderly conduct, parole violation

Shane J. Morel, 48, leaving scene of accident-involving only vehicular

Richard D. Coulter II, 37, contempt failure to

appear

Kevin Salgado, 29, DUI:first offense

Blayne J. Cuevas, 21, contempt failure to appear

Alexis W. Stockstill, 20, contempt failure to appear

Angela M. Smith, 44, DUI:first offense

Kristi L. Parker, 31, DUI:first offense

Willie H. McCollum, 25, probation violation

Daniel L. Nguyen, 31, probation violation

Jacob W. Champagne, 19, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle

Jantzen R. Cameron, 33, contempt failure to appear x 3

Zetrick A. Greer II, 25, receiving stolen property, hold for other agency

Mindi L. Stiglet, 27, felony possession of controlled substance

Eric E. Yurttas, 32, possession of paraphernalia, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, contempt failure to appear

Thomas C. Foss, 48, possession of paraphernalia

Shane A. Foss, 45, possession of paraphernalia

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Breerwood, we continue that mission, now back to the Moon and on to Mars.

And man will again have to pass through Hancock County, or woman will have to pass through Hancock County to get to Mars. Our NASA Space Center here at Stennis will help lead the world in the universe into the great outer space."

The United States won the space race, he said.

"We continue to lead today," he said. "We do so because of this facility here. Because a man named John C. Stennis had the vision to build it here in Mississippi."

Bryant said he was honored to have the building bear his name.

"There are so many others whose name should be emblazoned on this and the wonderful Fred Haise come to mind," Bryant said.

Bryant said that one of the things he wanted to do during his tenure as governor was to "revitalize the space industry in Mississippi, to make NASA great again."

"I had a lot of help doing that and it started with the president of the United States," Bryant said. "It will again begin here with PRCC on this site. We will go on into the future. Generations, as they get accustomed to going back and forth into space, as those new facilities will be built on the Moon that will allow us to stop there before going on to Mars and further places across the universe. Think about the young men and women that will be working on the Moon and saying 'where did you learn this trade, where were you trained?' 'Oh well, PRCC in

Hancock County.' And another one is going to say, 'Oh I went there as well just a few years before you graduated and here are we now working on the Moon together.' It's going to happen."

Breerwood said that PRCC's core principles are "pride, respect, class, and character."

"And everything that's associated with our college is centered around this ideology," he said. "The charge that is embraced by our faculty and staff is really somewhat simple at the end of the day, is change the lives of those we serve. Our goal is to always remain affordable, accessible, and — at the end of the day — provide life changing opportunities for our students."

Breerwood said PRCC is "honored to recognize our Gov. Phil Bryant with his name forever being bestowed on this facility."

"The Phil Bryant Aviation and Aerospace Academy will be a staple in Hancock County for generations to come," he said. "As Gov. Bryant emulates our core principles at Pearl River, pride, respect, class, and has unwavering character. His legacy will forever be cemented in the history of our great institution, PRCC."

The academy is expected to be 25,000 square feet and feature "eight classrooms, five labs, lobby with reception area, faculty and staff offices, break room/kitchenette for staff, indoor sitting/vending area for students, and an outdoor courtyard sitting area," the release states.

The hangar, which is estimated to be 18,000 square feet, will feature "two classrooms with labs, open hangar area with hands-on lab stations, outdoor covered area for equipment training, lobby with reception area, faculty



Photo by Cassandra Favre  
**PRCC president Adam Breerwood speaks at Tuesday's groundbreaking.**

and staff offices, break room/kitchenette for staff, and a small vending area for students," the release states.

According to the release, the hangar will offer Airframe and Propulsion Technology, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Precision Manufacturing.

The academy will offer the following programs: "Instrumentation, Industrial Electronics Technology, Practical Nursing, Welding and Cutting Technology, Computer Aided Design and Drafting, Business Management Technology, Academic Courses, Workforce Programs, and Adult Education/GED," the release states.

The new programs that will be offered at the Hancock location include: "Instrumentation, Airframe and Propulsion Technology, Industrial Electronics Technology, Precision Manufacturing, Computer Aided Design and Drafting, and Business Management Technology," the release states.

"The Aviation Maintenance Technology program is an instructional program that prepares individuals to inspect, repair, service, and overhaul aircraft engine components and systems," the release states. "This program is designed to prepare the student for the Federal Aviation Administration exams for certification as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician. Industry standards referenced are from the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 147, and Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools (Airframes and Power Plants)."

According to the release, the hangar's estimated completion date is Dec. 31, 2020 and the academy by Dec. 31 in 2021.

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Photo by Cassandra Favre  
**The Hancock County High School JROTC on Tuesday presented the colors and unveiled the sketches for the Phil Bryant Aviation and Aerospace Academy.**

11th Annual BWYC  
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## Make time year round

Sometimes things don't always work out the way we want them to.

What I thought would be a pretty normal Thanksgiving Day turned into something quite different. I knew I would have to work a couple of hours taking pictures around town before joining my family for a traditional dinner.

However, after work, I had to take a loved one the local emergency room. It's nothing too bad, just an infected tooth in need of some antibiotics before it turned into something more serious.

The staff was all very kind and helpful and the entire visit with triage took about 20 minutes.

We left with a prescription in hand, but nowhere open in Hancock County to fill it.

When I called my mom to tell her what was going on, she told me that in her hometown of Princeton, Kentucky, several of the local pharmacies take turns being open on the various holidays. That way there is always one open.

We were told that the 24-hour pharmacies in Slidell or Gulfport were our only options. So we drove to Slidell to get the medicine.

For me, it wasn't difficult to make the drive, but there are others like our senior citizens or someone who can't drive, etc. who I think would definitely benefit from having at least one option open in Hancock County during the holiday. Believe me, I know it's not often ideal or sometimes economical to be open on a holiday, but it would probably benefit many people.

Eventually, I made it to my parents' house to spend time with them, my sister, and my nephew.

There seems to be a lot of pressure to make sure the holiday celebration is as near to perfection as it can be.

People spend hours cooking the food and others spend hours on the road traveling to visit loved ones.

As I've gotten older, I guess my expectations have changed a bit.

I used to think that there needed to be certain foods there, certain people, and certain traditional viewings of favorite movies, or other practices I've come to enjoy.

But for the past few years, I've had to work during the holidays.

At first, I wasn't thrilled about it, but I've come to embrace it.

It also gives me a greater appreciation for those who work on the holidays like our first responders, healthcare professionals, gas station employees, retail employees, etc.

I made sure to thank the medical staff we encountered last Thursday numerous times.



**Staff Column**  
By **Cassandra Favre**

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## Veterans Post

Get VA Medical Info on Your iPhone

**Guest Column**  
by **Freddy Groves**

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The Department of Veterans Affairs has partnered with Apple to let us access our health records right from our iPhone. This information will include not only the health care we get from the VA, but from other medical providers as well.

If you've ever looked at the Health app on your iPhone, you've seen that it's comprehensive. With the VA partnership with Apple, you'll be able to look up lab results and check prescriptions, shot records and more, right on your phone.

It will work with third-party apps to keep track of every healthy (or unhealthy) thing you do. It will remind you to take your pills or check your glucose. It will track your sleep cycles and wake you with an alarm. The

phone app can even hook up with an Apple smart-watch and let you know if your heart rate is too fast.

So why does this make me nervous? Let me count the ways.

\* You'll need an iPhone to access the Health app. At this writing, the cheapest one is \$450, for an iPhone 8.

\* The software will periodically connect your phone to the various medical servers and bring in any new records.

\* To keep your medical data safe, you'll need to use Face ID, a pass-code or Touch ID, whether or not you want it. Are you certain that no one else knows your pass-code?

\* The app includes an unencrypted emergency Medical ID card that EMTs (and anyone else) can use to check your

health info.

\* We don't know that third-party provider apps are safe.

Check your iPhone if you have one. The default setting is to track your walking distance, flights climbed and steps taken. You might have years of data on your phone without knowing it.

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The VBA Is Giving Out Social Security Numbers

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The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General was asked to investigate whether the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) had disclosed third-party information -- such as Social Security numbers, names, dates and places of birth -- when it responded to Privacy Act requests. The answer, unfortunately, was a big yes.

Veterans who request copies of their own claim

files can have them under the Privacy Act. But that means that all information in the file also is given to them. Sometimes that means a third party, such as the doctor who treated them, or other service members ... including the name and Social Security number of those people.

Before 2016, the VBA was required to redact -- draw a thick black line through -- any info that concerned a third party before sending the file out to the requester. But, they whined, it took time to do that and caused backlogs in getting the files out. Info from the files was copied onto CD and mailed to the requester, putting everything out where it could be stolen or go missing or be viewed later by anyone.

The VBA attorney decided it was just fine to release all that private

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## Canada Goose

The Canada goose is an easily recognized species. The black head and long, black neck with white "chinstrap," light tan to cream breast feathers, and brownish-black and white undertail distinguish the Canada goose from all others. They grow to a size of 30 to 43 inches long with a wingspan of 50 to 71 inches. Males generally weigh 7 to 14 pounds--an average of 2 pounds heavier than the female.

Like most geese, the Canada goose is migratory, with the wintering range being most of the United States. The transition into spring and autumn is signaled by the calls heard overhead coming from large groups of Canada geese flying in their familiar V-shaped or diagonally straight-lined formations.

On land, the diet of the Canada goose consists of Bermuda grass, salt grass, wild barley, wheat, rice, beans, and corn. In the water, the Canada goose feeds on aquatic plants



**Conservation Corner**  
by **James L. Cummins**

and silt found at the bottom of the body of water.

Found in flocks all during the year, except when nesting, Canada geese are highly social. They don't hide from human interaction. This has contributed to normally migratory flocks becoming residential which has lead to frustration for landowners because the geese tend to overgraze lawns and crops which can contribute to erosion. Their feces can cause problems as build-up contributes to reduced water quality by fostering bacteria and adding nitro-

gen and phosphorous.

Males fight over females using their wings and bills. The winner then approaches the female with his head down and neck undulating while making hissing and honking noises. Mating then occurs in the spring, on the water.

Females choose the location for nesting--usually a site that is isolated, yet has good visibility--allowing them to see approaching danger. The nesting area will also have open water with low banks offering easy access to the water and vegetation. Nests are typically simple and consist mostly of moss, twigs, weeds, and grasses.

Clutch size can range from 2 to 9 eggs with five being the average. Incubation must occur immediately after the eggs are laid and lasts 23 to 30 days. The female turns the eggs regularly and the offspring hatch via an egg tooth on top of its beak. This can take up to 48 hours with the gosling cracking open the shells until they are completely

free. The goslings are yellow with some greenish-gray colorings on top of their heads and backs. These colors fade as the goslings mature into their adult color pattern. They also have black or blue-gray bills and legs that become darker as they age. Upon hatching, the goslings are capable of following their parents around and the family unit leaves the nest and begins to travel to feed and seek shelter.

The male's role is to defend the territory, nest, and eggs from intruders and predators. However, both parents share in the responsibility of protecting the goslings; often violently chasing away any nearby creatures after giving off a hissing sound as a warning.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is [www.wildlife-miss.org](http://www.wildlife-miss.org).



# Hancock County Recognized at ACT Workforce Summit

SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock County was recognized for its workforce development achievements over the past year at the ACT Workforce Summit in Charlotte, N.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, along with 48 other participating ACT Work Ready Communities.

Pearl River Community College has been working alongside the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and several over county employers and community leaders for the continuing improvement of the workforce of Hancock County. The PRCC Hancock Center currently serves as a testing facility for the ACT Work Ready Test.

The annual ACT summit, which brings together experts in business, education, workforce and economic development, included the ACT Work Ready Communities Awards Ceremony and Recognition. During the ceremony, representatives from participating ACT Work Ready Community counties and parishes received awards for becoming certified or completing a new set of goals to maintain their certification.

"We are so happy to recognize and award our Work Ready Communities at our annual convening of workforce experts," ACT President of Measurement

Suzana Delanghe said. "These participating communities have demonstrated a commitment to developing a strong workforce pipeline, which is paramount to building stronger communities and fostering business and economic growth."

The ACT® Work Ready Communities (ACT® WRC) initiative empowers states, regions and counties with data, processes and tools that drive economic growth by identifying skills gaps and quantifying the skill level of their workforce. Participants leverage the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (ACT® WorkKeys® NCRC®) to measure and close skills gaps and build common frameworks that link, align and match their workforce development efforts.

Hancock County: ACT Work Ready Community

After two years of hard work, Hancock County became the first coastal Mississippi County to earn the ACT certification in February of 2019, which indicates the county's workforce has the skills employers are looking for. In honor and recognition of the certification, Pearl River Community College's Hancock Center held a celebratory press conference and reception.

"This distinction is a direct result of the County's progressive leadership," Pearl River

Community College President Dr. Adam Breerwood said. "This recognition sends a message to current and future industry partners that Hancock County is dedicated to economic development. Pearl River Community College is honored to be a part of the community and the forward-thinking environment that has been created."

"By becoming the first coastal Mississippi county to earn the ACT certification, we are not only indicating that our county workforce has the skills employers are looking for, but we are also able to mentor and help other counties as they begin their ACT certification process," Pearl River Community College Director of Government & Community Relations and Chair of the Hancock County ACT Work Ready initiative Committee Angie Kothmann said.

Workforce training has been a centerpiece of Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant's jobs program throughout his two terms in office. Officials have found only about 20 percent of Mississippi's jobs require a college degree. Programs such as the ACT Work Ready Community help ensure Mississippi has the skilled workers for the other 80 percent.

The ACT Work Ready Communities Luncheon included welcome remarks

from North Carolina Chamber President and CEO Gary Salomido. Tennessee Department of Labor Commissioner Jeff McCord shared advice with the Work Ready Communities awardees during a keynote presentation. The ACT Work Ready Community initiative includes 486 participating counties and parishes in 29 states. For more information on ACT Work Ready Communities, go to [www.workreadycommunities.org](http://www.workreadycommunities.org) and view all of ACT's workforce solutions at [www.act.org/workforce](http://www.act.org/workforce)

## About ACT

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The ACT Work Ready testing schedule for the PRCC Hancock Center is Friday's 9:00 a.m. for walk-in traffic and appointments and 1:00pm for appointments only.

For the latest news on Pearl River Community

College, visit [PRCC.edu](http://PRCC.edu) Facebook (@PRCCMK- and follow us on Twitter TG). (@PRCC\_Wildcats) and

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# Lockheed Martin expanding at NASA's Stennis Space Center, creating 30 jobs

SEA COAST ECHO

Global security and aerospace company Lockheed Martin is expanding its operations at NASA's Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. The project is a \$20.9-million corporate investment and will create 30 jobs.

"Lockheed Martin's announcement today signifies Hancock County as a continued beacon in the aerospace industry, and we are proud to continue strengthening our role as an aerospace cluster," said Blaine LaFontaine, President of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Lockheed Martin is engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The company's Stennis Space Center location resides within the Space business unit, whose primary activity is to design and build satellites and spacecraft for government and commercial customers. For the expansion, Lockheed Martin is centralizing select thermal

production capabilities to its Stennis location and will begin manufacturing products that are key components of all spacecraft currently manufactured by the company.

"The Lockheed Martin team and its space manufacturing capabilities in Stennis deliver superb technical solutions for our customers' missions around the world and beyond," said Jason Wright, Stennis site director for Lockheed Martin. "We value the strong relationship with the state of Mississippi and Hancock County, and we look forward to continuing that partnership by providing high-tech careers that inspire the next generation of the space workforce."

The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for building renovations. The project qualifies for tax abatements under the Hancock County Board of Supervisors' current incentives program.

"Mississippians take great pride in producing some of the most technologically innovative products on Earth and beyond, which now include advanced products for all spacecraft produced by

global leader Lockheed Martin," said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough, Jr. "We salute the Lockheed Martin team for once again placing its confidence in the people of Mississippi by bringing these exciting new career opportunities to Hancock County."

Lockheed Martin currently employs 118 workers at its Stennis Space Center location.

## About HCPHC

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission was established in 1963 to lead the county's economic development activities. Stennis International Airport and Port Bienville Industrial Park are home to 30 companies with more than 1,000 employees. For more information visit [www.portairspace.com](http://www.portairspace.com)

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As I've lost loved ones over the years, the holidays have lost some of the spark and wonderment for me. I would give anything to just be able to speak to some of my family members again, no matter what the day on the calendar is.

Often times, the holidays are the only time of year many people are given time off and it's much easier to travel and visit when the children are out of school. And I understand that. It's often quite difficult for me to visit my nephew or just take a regular vacation sometimes.

But, we do the best we can. And that's all that we can ask of each other.

We all have obligations that can cut into time spent with family and friends. So I believe it's important we try and make our loved ones a priority year-round.

The foods we all love can be made year after year and the same holiday television shows will air again next year, but our family and friends may not always be around for the next holiday.

Try and not stress about the perfect holiday dish and whatnot, enjoy the time you have with one another instead and make memories.

Try and make the most of every day and don't wait until it's a holiday to spend time with your family and friends.

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# Obituaries

## EVELYN MARIE DE STEFANO HENRY PIERRE LAFONTAINE

### EVELYN MARIE DE STEFANO

Evelyn Marie De Stefano, 75, of Diamondhead, MS passed away Monday, December 2, 2019 in Diamondhead, MS. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be sadly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruce and Roberta Huth. She is sur-



vived by her husband of 56 years, Patrick De Stefano; two sons, Patrick Joseph De Stefano, Jr. (Debbie) and Michael De Stefano (Susan); two daughters, Pennie Wisnasky (Ron) and Cindy Retzer; ten grandchildren, Ashley,

Nicki, Ron, Corbin, Libbie, Cole, Deavon, Natalie, Marie and Caroline and three great-grandchildren, Weston, Braddock and Theodore. Visitation will be held Friday, December 6, 2019 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

### HENRY PIERRE LAFONTAINE

Henry Pierre LaFontaine, 62, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, November 28, 2019. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a wonderful and loving father, grandfather, and brother who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton Sidney and Huguette Cuisinot LaFontaine; sister, Helene LaFontaine Moran and sister-in-law, Aline LaFontaine. He is survived by his son, Vince LaFontaine of Pass Christian, MS; two daughters, Brandi LaFontaine of Waveland, MS, and Sarah LaFontaine of Hollywood, FL; granddaughter, Isabella; two brothers, Allan LaFontaine (Judy) of Lumberton, MS and Steve LaFontaine of Lakeshore, MS; four sisters, Peggy

LaFontaine Averhart (Bill) of Long Beach, MS, Denise LaFontaine Mikovilje (Dale) of Kiln, MS, Michele LaFontaine Henry (Frank) of Pass Christian, MS, and Lorraine LaFontaine Ladner (Eddie) of Leetown, MS. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM preceded by visitation beginning at 11:30 AM. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



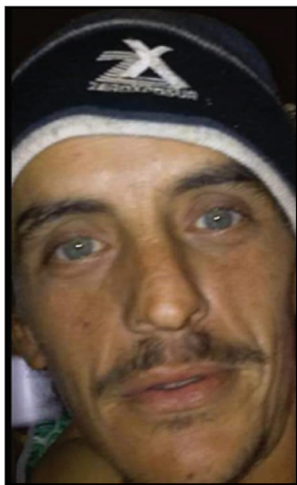
### HAROLD EUGENE JACKSON III

Harold Eugene Jackson III, 40, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 in Cut Off, LA.

Mr. Jackson was a wonderful father, son, brother, uncle, and friend who will be sadly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and one uncle.

Survived by his father, Harold Eugene Jackson, Jr of Bay St. Louis, MS; mother, Marie Thornton Jackson of Kiln, MS; two sons, Payton Michael



Jackson Bock and Landon Lee Kern both of Gulfport, MS; three brothers, Rudolph Benjimen Jackson, Ryan Joseph

Jackson, and Michael Joseph Jackson all of Bay St. Louis, MS; two sisters, Jessica Lynn Jackson of Bay St. Louis, MS; Jenie Sheffield of Diamondhead, MS; ten nieces and two nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, December 9, 2019 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm with a Prayer Service to follow at 1:00 pm. Entombment will be at Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## CHRISTMAS

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Saturday, Dec. 21  
Santa Boats and a Bonfire: Santa Claus arrives by boat at the Bay Saint Louis Harbor. Photo opportunities will be available as well as music and a bonfire. For more information, visit [www.baystlouis-ms.gov](http://www.baystlouis-ms.gov). Starts at 4 p.m.

The Nutcracker: Enjoy this favorite family Christmas tradition presented by Ballet Theatre South. Held at the Hancock Performing Arts Center, 7140 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 228-822-0490. Performance at 3 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 22  
Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and Latke Brunch: A jazz brunch will feature Panorama Jazz Band. Held at 100 Men Hall, 303 Union St., Bay Saint Louis. For more information, visit [www.the100menhall.com](http://www.the100menhall.com). Runs from 10 a.m.-noon.

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Friday, Dec. 27  
Kwanzaa Celebration: The NAACP will host this event that will feature a Kinara lighting and more. Held at 100 Men Hall, 303 Union St., Bay Saint Louis. For more information, visit [www.the100menhall.com](http://www.the100menhall.com). Starts at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31  
New Year's Eve "Special Themed" Drop: Ring in the New Year with music, fireworks and a special themed drop. Held on Beach Boulevard across from 200 North Beach Restaurant, Bay Saint Louis. For more information, visit [www.baystlouis-ms.gov](http://www.baystlouis-ms.gov). Sponsored by Jim MacPhaille.

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third-party information if the VBA did it "on purpose" as part of releasing the requester's own information. Between May 2016 and May 2019, 379,000 files went out this way.

Here's an example from the OIG report: In 18 sample files it inspected, there were

1,027 third-party names and Social Security numbers. Doing the math, how many extra names were likely in those 379,000 files? I come up with 21 million.

Two factoids: 1) Last year there were 14 million cases of identity fraud. 2) The big coup for thieves is getting a Social Security number. It unlocks all doors.

To read the OIG report, go to [www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-19-05960-244.pdf](http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-19-05960-244.pdf).

## MAYOR

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ing him to fall over chairs, landing on the ground back first."

"We're happy with the (not guilty verdict), but we always knew that would be the result," Holleman said. "These charges should never have been filed in the first place. It's a shame the mayor has endured these last two or three months of comments in the press and elsewhere."

Holleman said Schafer has no plans

to pursue any litigation against Marthouse or any other member of the POA.

However, Holleman said, "he is not going to go back to the collaborative committee unless they open their meetings to the public and stop having private, confidential meetings. He disagrees with that."

"The Diamondhead community has to come together and move forward, and that's what he wants. ... He certainly holds no ill will or animosity, he's not happy about what happened, the expense of it, but you can't control what others do."

## CLERK

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with the assistance of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office where Beaman admitted to taking the public funds. The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) was then contacted, and they assumed the investigation into the matter.

"Over a six-year period, the Auditor's Office reviewed over 45,000 records finding over 440 discrepancies associated

with Beaman's handling of payments in Hancock County Justice Court cases. These discrepancies were confirmed by numerous witnesses that were interviewed and identified Beaman as the clerk that received their payments."

The OSA determined that Beaman took \$110,827 over the course of about three years, Assistant District Attorney Christ Daniel -- who prosecuted the case -- said in the release.

"At this time, \$100,000 of the loss has been

returned to the county due to the public employee insurance which covered Beaman," Daniel said.

When Beaman was arrested in 2017, the OSA issued a demand for her to pay \$197,408 -- including the embezzled funds plus interest and recovery costs.

Clark on Monday deferred sentencing in the case until Dec. 19, ordering a pre-sentence investigation by the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

# Selfies with Santa

## SEA COAST ECHO

Santa Claus will visit the Bay St. Louis Community Garden from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Dec. 14, to take photos with children, seniors, families, singles and pets. Everyone is

welcome. For a suggested donation of \$10, you can take photos with Santa using your own devices up to five minutes per session. All of the money raised will go to support the garden, which is located at the intersection of St. Frances and Bookter streets in the Bay.

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# THE SEA COAST ECHO

# SPORTS

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## A DAY OF THANKS ON THE COURT: Three Local Prep Teams Win at PRCC Tournament

BY HUNTER  
DAWKINS  
GAZEBO GAZETTE

Three local teams pulled out impressive victories against Pine Belt competition at the annual Girls Basketball Thanksgiving Invitational on Saturday at the Marvin R. White Coliseum on the Pearl River Community College campus in Poplarville.

Pass Christian 49 Laurel 44

The opening matchup had the Pass Christian Lady Pirates (5-4) being behind for most of their game against the 6A class Laurel Lady Tornadoes.

However, during the fourth quarter, the Lady Tornadoes took a timeout with 3:35 left in the game and Pass Christian took its first lead of the game 39-36. After Lady Pirate freshman Daydria Cuevas made both free throws, Pass Christian surged ahead and didn't look back.

Laurel kept the game close with the Lady Tornadoes cutting Pass Christian's lead 45-42 before calling a timeout at 1:04 left in the game. The Lady Pirates' senior point guard A'nyiah Price grabbed an offensive rebound and went the entire court length, converting a layup. Price finished with two more free

throws to seal the upset victory for Pass Christian.

"I thought we did a very good job containing their guards with some ball pressure at the end," said Pass Christian Girls Basketball Head Coach Greta Ainsworth. "We had some young kids who stepped up and let loose."

The Lady Pirates freshman center Cuevas finished with 16 points. Pass Christian's next game is Friday against D'Iberville at 6:15pm.

Hancock 45 Oak Grove 37

Even though the score was within double digits, the Hancock Lady Hawks (4-1) were in control the whole game.

Following an 8-6 lead after the first period, Hancock guards Madelyn Ladner and Jenna Garriga put the team on their shoulder, scoring nine points for the Lady Hawks and a half-time lead of 20-12.

Coming out of the gates, the defense ruled the third quarter with neither team giving up much, making the score 26-19.

The Lady Hawks guard Raven Smith came out of her shell, scoring nine points in the final period and handling the ball on the offensive side of the court.

With Hancock forward Taylor Lauckner and Smith both knocking down free



Photo by Richard Gleber

### Pass High's Daydria Cuevas.

throws inside of a minute, the Lady Hawks secured a 45-37 victory.

Ladner led Hancock with 10 points. The next game is Friday against Gautier at 6pm.

Bay St. Louis 53 Magee 20

Under new leadership for the Bay High Lady Tigers with Sara Taylor at the helm, the winning results remained the same.

Despite a sluggish start from the Lady Tigers, once Bay High guard Katelyn McLain hit her first three-point basket with 2:47 left in the first period, the game was essentially over. Bay High went on a 6-0 run to finish the period with a 16-

7 lead and a halftime score of 24-9.

On defense, the Lady Tigers controlled the Magee Lady Trojans by keeping them from their first offensive field goal in the second half for nearly five minutes. After a steal and layup from McLain near the end of the period, the score was 40-14 at the buzzer.

With the Lady Tigers dominating the boards, the victory for Bay High was sealed by outscoring the Lady Trojans 13-6 in the final period.

McLain led all scorers with 18 points for the Lady Tigers and Bay High Guard Jalaya Lewis finished with 12 points.



Photo by Richard Gleber

### Bay High Lady Tiger Mckenzie Favre.



Photo by Richard Gleber

### Players from Hancock High School.

The Lady Tigers' next game is on the road Friday against West Harrison at 7pm.

## Shore Thing: Forced Family Fun out on the water

My big brother Beau, was in town from Houston. His son August, and daughter Helena are always up for a fishing trip. We've only been able to go once a year, if we're lucky. We never have to force them to go with us, but fishing is encouraged.

It's still amazing to watch them evolve into young adults and serious fishermen/women.

My daughter(Margot) got sick, and missed last years spectacular trip.

This year though, she was feeling fine and ready to go.

The winds were up, we had a front coming



### SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

through, and it was a little breezy. We opted to play it safe, and stay in the Bay.

It took us a few shifts to get the boat positioned correctly. The wind and tide were against each other. Once we got everything set right, it was an every cast bite. Big Brother Beau brought his A-game.

Even in an insanely good bite, the kiddos were very well behaved.

They took turns fighting sheepshead, redfish and speckled trout.

If someone was reeling in a fish, the others took turns netting them. Everyone had fun tagging and releasing the small redfish. Heck, If the fish made

a mess in the boat, they even took turns with the deck brush.

Bathroom breaks were not an issue.

When they got tired, they just found a comfortable spot and laid down.

Towards the end our trip, the bite was fast and furious.

Beau was slinging fish in left and right. I looked in the back of the boat, and all youngsters were sleeping.

He slung one last big sheepshead in the boat, and we called it a day.

We've both worked for years to get to this point. We love to fish, and always want our kids to be on the boat with us.

We just don't want the kids to be miserable. The future is looking very good for Team Schindler. Here's

to some good ole "Forced Family Fun".

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#### THURSDAY

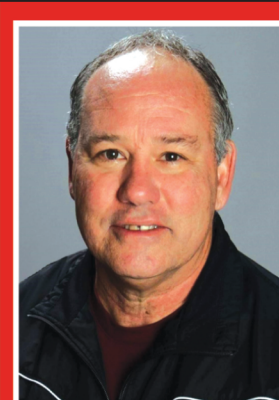
• Boys Basketball: St. Stanislaus at Christian Youth Organization Tournament (Covington, LA)

#### FRIDAY

• Girls Soccer: OLA at Long Beach, 5:30 p.m.  
• Girls Soccer: Hancock at Harrison Central, 5:30 p.m.  
• Girls Soccer: Bay at Vancleave, 5:30 p.m.  
• Boys Soccer: Hancock at Harrison Central, 5:30 p.m.  
• Boys Soccer: Pass Christian at St. Stanislaus, 6 p.m.  
• Boys Soccer: Bay at Vancleave, 7 p.m.  
• Girls Basketball: OLA at Seminary, 6 p.m.  
• Girls Basketball: Pass Christian at D'Iberville, 6:15 p.m.  
• Girls Basketball: Bay at West Harrison, 6:30 p.m.  
• Girls Basketball: Hancock at Gautier, 6:30 p.m.  
• Boys Basketball: Pass Christian at D'Iberville, 7:30 p.m.  
• Boys Basketball: Bay at West Harrison, 8 p.m.  
• Boys Basketball: Hancock at Gautier, 8 p.m.  
• Boys Basketball: St. Stanislaus at Christian Youth Organization Tournament (Covington, LA)

#### SATURDAY

• Girls Soccer: Perry Central at OLA, 1:30 p.m.  
• Girls Soccer: Hancock at Laurel Tournament  
• Boys Soccer: Hancock at Laurel Tournament  
• Boys Basketball: St. Stanislaus at Christian Youth Organization Tournament (Covington, LA)



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# Local volleyball athletes chosen for 2020 Mississippi South All-Star Volleyball Team



At left, Reagan Huff- Hancock High School and Kacey Lear- Hancock High School. At right, Chloe Cornell- OLA. Camille Cottone- OLA These four athletes were nominated and chosen for the 2020 Mississippi South All-Star Volleyball Team. This special honor was extended to only 30 players in the entire state. Members must be present students in their junior year of high school and were selected based on their commitment and dedication to excellence in the sport of volleyball. The All-Star Volleyball Games will be played on July 15, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hangar Dome at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. Admission is \$5. Photos submitted

## CHRISTMAS CLUB 3 tips for a happier, healthier holiday

During the holiday season, there tends to be a lot of focus on big celebrations and spending money. But during this festive time of year, it is also important to take steps that will keep your family, your home and your wallet healthy.

Use these tips from the experts at your local store to enjoy a happier holiday season.

### Hospitable Home

With friends and family visiting frequently, the holidays are a busy time around the home. To prepare for all of your guests, get your home into pris-

tine shape. Stock up on cleaning supplies like disinfectant wipes, trash bags and paper items. Create a holiday season routine that dedicates one day a week or a few minutes daily to sprucing up.

For holiday meals, look for wholesome ingredients like milk, eggs, bread, cheese, proteins, frozen and canned vegetables, canned fruits, grains and more. All of these healthier food options are available at many local stores and shops.

Be sure to check your local store for fresh fruits and vegetables. You can balance some of those

heavier dishes enjoyed around the holidays with healthier snacking options.

### Mindful Wallet

Create a budget for the entire season that includes seasonal expenses such as gift-giving, hosting, meal preparation, decorations and more. Then, plan to stick to this budget with thoughtful spending.

Luckily, it's easier to plan your expenditures in advance thanks to new tech. When shopping for friends, family and loved ones, use apps with budget-friendly features. These features help you create

your shopping list and calculate your estimated total before even going to the store.

If you don't have time to plan your trip, the Cart Calculator function, which is available in approximately 12,000 stores, allows you to scan products, find digital coupon savings and keep a running total of your basket.

Additionally, you can take advantage of great deals

offered by local and online stores, which are running a toy discounts through Dec. 24.

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The season's cooler temperatures can adversely affect immunity, and possibly impact your family's risk of contracting viruses and bacterial infections, so watch for the warning signs and take preventative measures to stay well. Remember to wash your hands often, particularly

before preparing food, stay hydrated, get plenty of sleep, exercise regularly and consider stocking up on over-the-counter vitamins and minerals to improve winter wellness.

It's the season for celebration. Indulge yourself in making the most out of your time with loved ones, friends and family, but be confident in making healthy choices for you, your home and your wallet.

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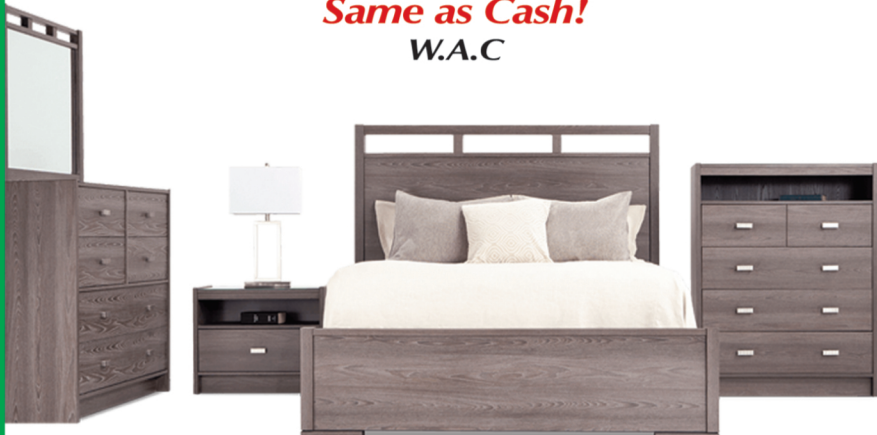
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## EXCEL-EBRATION: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AS A CERTIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

### SEA COAST ECHO

Last week, over 200 pre-k students performed on stage at the Hancock Performing Arts Center in the 4th annual Excel-ebriation to celebrate the recent recertification of Hancock County Excel by 5 and to celebrate early childhood learning. Seven early childcare centers took part in the program. Children from STARS North, STARS Bay-Waveland, The Hawk's Nest, STARS East, STARS West, Discovery Childcare Center, and Hancock County Child Development Center donned costumes and performed songs about "How We Learn".

Debby Renfroe, Board President of Excel by 5 presented a plaque to Dana Harris, Hancock County Excel by 5 Chair, and Joan Seals, Hancock County Excel by 5 Certification Manager. Grants were also presented with funding by United Way of South Mississippi to four early childcare teachers for equipment and materials for their programs. Two of the grants were awarded for science materials and one was awarded for age appropriate equipment for outdoor play. Grant recipients this year were Amanda Besse and Lindsay Smith (STARS North), Judy Bello, and Kandace Williams (Hancock County Child Development Center).

Excel by 5 is an innovative early childhood com-



Photo courtesy of Hancock County Excel by 5

### Hawk's Nest.

munity certification process focusing on a community's young children. It emphasizes the important roles parents and early childhood educators play in the lives of children during their most formative years – birth to age 5. Certified Excel by 5 Communities go through a recertification process every three years. Hancock County Excel by 5 Coalition has demonstrated support for parents and children by connecting them with the available resources and services they need to lead healthy, strong lives and has

recently achieved recertification.

Hancock County Excel by 5 has partnered with the Hancock County Library System for Storytime at each of the five library branches and contributes to the Toy Lending Library at each branch. They also partner with the libraries to provide the Rubber Ducky Summer Reading Program for children birth to age 5. Other services provided are early screening and intervention services, professional development to teachers of children birth to age 5, new born packets for babies born at Ochsner



Photo courtesy of Hancock County Excel by 5

### Child Development Center.

Medical Center, activities and book giveaways for pre-k children at community events, and a resource guide to Family Support

Agencies.

If you are interested in learning more about Hancock County Excel by 5, you can visit the website

at [www.excelby5.com/communities/hancock-county](http://www.excelby5.com/communities/hancock-county), or by calling 228-255-0376.



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### STARS West.



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### STARS North.



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### STARS East.



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### STARS Bay-Waveland.



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Discovery Learning Center.

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Discovery Learning Center.



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Child Development Center.

# 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ‘Battle of the Bay’ Re-enactment

SEA COAST ECHO

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, all Hancock County residents and weekend visitors are encouraged to follow along on a walking history tour of the 205th Anniversary of the events that led up to the famous “Battle of the Bay” and the establishment of Bay St. Louis as a city.

At 1:55 pm Reveille and a cannon firing of one shot over the gulf will begin the ceremony at Bienville Square (Hancock-Whitney Bank at Beach Blvd. & Main Street).

Guest speakers from Hancock County Historical Society, founding members of Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, and city officials encourage you to come dressed in period or pirate attire and join the celebration as they take you on a journey of the rich

history of how the French-Canadian Jean-Baptiste de a Sieu Bienville established the first French colony at Bay St. Louis in 1699.

Period dressed characters will speak about the history of how Bienville founded Bay St. Louis, the British influence of Bay St. Louis as it became part of British West Florida, and the effects of the American Revolution on Bay St. Louis as well as the signing of the Treaty of Paris, ending the French and Indian War (Seven Years War).

As the history of Bay St. Louis unfolds, follow along with the characters portraying these famous explorers, soldiers, and the governor as they arrive at Krewe Central (Beach Blvd & Court Street-in front of Cuz’s Seafood Restaurant).

The distinguished keynote speaker Rear Admiral John A. Okon, Commander, Naval

Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy will be present at the celebration to read the actual account of the “Battle of the Bay”.

Hear the famous words expressed by Ms. Claiborne, “will no one fire a shot in defense of our country”, invoking a response from the town’s Mayor to fire the cannon sending a cannon ball near the British warships as they passed by, deterring them from landing here and beginning the “Battle of the Bay”.

Following the Cannon Volley Re-enactment, the characters depicting Captain Johnson and his sailors from the schooner, USS Seahorse, of the “Battle of the Bay” will be introduced. Concluding remarks will be made in time for Second Saturday Art Walk and Christmas festivities in the Bay.

# Christmas on Coleman is this Saturday

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Waveland is gearing up to host “Christmas on Coleman,” on Saturday, Dec. 7. “We are very committed to making Christmas on Coleman an event that all members of our communities, young and old, can enjoy,” event coordinator Kristen Tusa said.

In addition to a Christmas parade, guests can enjoy taking pictures with Santa Claus, caroling, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn, Tusa said.

The carolers scheduled to sing include those from Hancock Middle School, Hancock High School, and St. Rose Traditional Choir.

There will be a Christmas workshop where children will have the opportunity to make their own crafts to take home,

Tusa said.

Members of the Hancock Junior Auxiliary will be on hand to help children write letters to Santa and do “glisten,” Tusa said. There will also be someone on site facepainting.

The museum and art gallery will also be open.

The city is also seeking participants for the parade, which will usher in Santa Claus and end with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Town Green.

A parade entry form can be found on our website at [www.seacoastecho.com](http://www.seacoastecho.com).

Christmas on Coleman is scheduled for Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The parade begins at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Tusa at [kristentusa@gmail.com](mailto:kristentusa@gmail.com) or 228-209-7399 or Tammy Fayard at [tfayard@waveland-ms.gov](mailto:tfayard@waveland-ms.gov) or 228-467-4134.

# Library’s Holiday Tree Gala is December 8

SEA COAST ECHO

Don’t forget to bring the kids to see Santa and a breathtaking display of exquisitely decorated trees at the Hancock County Library System’s 25th annual Holiday Tree Gala, set for Sunday, December 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. All are cordially invited to bring the children and see the enchanting display of trees and tell Santa their Christmas wishes.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the South Hancock County Library on Highway 90 in Bay St.

Choir at 3 p.m. Santa will greet children, and punch and cookies will be served.

“Businesses, organizations and schools are displaying trees this year,” said Amber Stephenson, HCLS Interim Executive Director. “This event has been hailed as the premiere kick off for the holiday season in Hancock County, and we are proud to host it.”

In conjunction with the gala event, the Bay-Waveland Garden Club will present their annual Christmas Flower Show in the Seal Meeting Room at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Highway 90 in Bay St.

Louis, on Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 1 to 4 p.m. Fall and Winter horticulture and Floral Designs grown and created by Club members will be exhibited. This show is complimentary and open to the public. More information on the flower show is available by calling Darlene Underwood at 228-216-1366. Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration that begins at sundown on December 22, will also be represented in the display case at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The display will be available to the public through the end of December.

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# The Community CALENDAR



**DECEMBER 5**

- Luminaries and soft Christmas music will set the mood for this charming walk featuring individual Nativity displays along Main Street in Old Town Bay St. Louis from 5 to 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER 6**

- The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will host its 11th annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The bazaar will include more than 30 vendors. Lunch and dinner will be available for purchase, and there will be hourly door prizes and daily drink specials. The public is welcome. There is no entrance fee, but a donation to the Hancock County Food Pantry is requested.
- Dinner for sale. Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, cake, and bread. \$8 per plate. Triumph Church, 437 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**DECEMBER 7**

- St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church is hosting a Reindeer 5K Fun Run - 2-Mile Walk on Saturday Dec. 7.

Runners and walkers will take off from Washington Street on the Beach Walk at 8 a.m. and head south toward Aiken Street and return to the finish line at Washington Street.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place finishers in the boys and girls under 18 division, and adult male and female 18 years of age and older categories in the 5K run.

Prizes for best costumes will be awarded to children 15 years of age and younger. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate.

Registration for the 5K Fun Run - 2 Mile Walk costs \$20 per adult and \$12 per child under 18 years of age. If there is more than one child in a family, the cost is \$10 per child.

If you are not be interested in participating as a runner or walker and would like to support this church fundraiser, tee shirt sponsorships are available.

Businesses or family names and logos will be placed on the back of the tee shirt at a cost of \$100.

Applications are available in the church bulletin, the St. Rose de Lima office and by contacting Goldie Fairconnetue at 228-332-0526.

- The 2019 Annual Holiday of Homes in Bay Saint Louis to benefit Friends of the Animal Shelter will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1-4 p.m. The tour features six homes in Bay Saint Louis festively decorated for the Holidays.

One of the homes will feature a Holiday Boutique with unique Christmas decorations and handmade gift items.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at Lulu's, Clay Creations, Savage Skillet, and Lazy Magnolia. The day of the tour, tickets will be available for purchase for \$15 at any of the tour homes. Friends of the Animal Shelter provides free spay/neutering vouchers for Hancock County residents, it provides

resources for transport of animals at the Hancock County Animal Shelter to other locations for adoption, as well as serving other needs for the shelter.

- The 12th annual Bay St. Louis Christmas parade starts at Necaise and Main; travels to Beach Boulevard and ends in the Depot District with the 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugarplums Festival. Parade begins at 11 a.m.

- The 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugarplums Festival is holiday fun for families with children of all ages. Hosted by Hancock County Tourism in the Depot District from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free to attend.

- The Pearlinton Christmas parade starts at the old Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, rolls up White's Road to Seventh Avenue, down to Highway 90, down 604, and ends at the Pearlinton Community Center. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and is free to attend.

- John the family fun and come greet Santa Claus at the Waveland Christmas parade and annual tree lighting. The parade starts at Nicholson and Central Avenues, heads down to Beach Boulevard, and then west to Coleman Avenue ending with the tree lighting at the Town Green behind the Ground Zero Museum at 335 Coleman Ave. The event is free to attend and begins at 5 p.m.

- The Arts of Hancock County will host the Juried Art Show and reception. The reception is Dec. 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from Dec. 10-14 at the Ground Zero Museum, located at 335 Coleman Ave., Waveland.

- The Pass Christian Theatre Project will present its second annual "Christmas Past in the Pass" show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Randolph Center, located at 315 Clark Ave., Pass Christian. Join the cast in Aunt Ida's living room for this heart-warming annual holiday party, where your friends and family gather to share their favorite tunes and stories. The performance will include readings of new and original holiday poems, favorite holiday songs along with delightful newer tunes, and readings of traditional holiday stories. The cast, all cherished members of the PCTP family, includes well-known performers from both ends of the coast, veteran performers recently arrived on the coast, and some extremely talented young performers. Refreshments will be served and wonderful raffle prizes from local merchants available. There will be something for everyone to kick off your holiday season! **ADMISSION:** \$20.00 per person includes the show, finger foods, drinks, and five raffle tickets. Children under 12 will be charged at \$10 per child.

Additional raffle tickets will be available for sale at six tickets for \$5 or twelve for \$10. Raffle prizes will include gift baskets from local merchants, lovely jewelry, and beautiful holiday décor for your home.

For reservations, please call 228.206.0875 for

reservations (recommended). Cash, credit cards or checks will be accepted for payment. Pass Christian Theatre Project is a member organization of Pass Christian Main Street.

- Christmas on Coleman in Waveland is scheduled for Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. The parade begins at 5 p.m. In addition to a Christmas parade, guests can enjoy taking pictures with Santa Claus, caroling, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn.

- Lakeshore Baptist Church invites everyone to their Annual Community Christmas Hymn Singing, Saturday December 7, at 5:30 pm. The evening of traditional Christmas hymns joins voices of all ages for this seasonal celebration. A refreshment reception, at the Mercy House, will follow the event. Lakeshore Baptist Church is located at 6028 Lakeshore Road, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520. For more information about the church, visit their website at lakeshorebaptist.net.

**DECEMBER 8**

- The annual Holiday Tree Gala is scheduled for Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library. Santa Claus, beautiful trees, and holiday music.

**DECEMBER 10**

- The Arts of Hancock County will host its Juried Art Show. The exhibit will run from Dec. 10-14 at the Ground Zero Museum, located at 335 Coleman Ave., Waveland.

- The Pearlinton Public Library will host A Gingerbread Christmas beginning at 6 p.m. The library is located at 6096 First Ave., Pearlinton. Santa Claus and refreshments.

- WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

**DECEMBER 12**

- East Hancock Public Library will host A Natural Christmas beginning at 6 p.m. The library is located at 4545 Shepherd Square in Diamondhead. Santa Claus and refreshments.

**DECEMBER 13**

- The Mississippi Welcome Center, located at 1-10 and Highway 607 is hosting a Christmas Holiday reception from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy Christmas carols with local school children. Santa Claus will be there and local tourism partners will serve refreshments.

- Hancock County Federation of Democratic Women will hold their Annual Blue Holiday Party and Fundraiser on Friday, Dec.13, from 7 - 10 p.m., at the Lakeshore Community Center, 6400 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis. There will be great food, raffles, and music provided by "The Electric Sheep". BYOB - set ups provided. Special guest: Rev. Robin Nicole Truitt. Advance tickets - \$20 (call Sandy Reese, 228-332-0099; Sandra Harris, 228-342-

7516; or Goldie Fairconnetue, 228-332-0526). Tickets at the door - \$25

**DECEMBER 14**

- Please come out and join us for our annual National Wreaths Across America Event at St. Joseph- Rotten Bayou Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m.

This is a public event hosted by the Navy Wives Club of America Honeybees Chapter 257. On this day, we will place live wreaths on more than 230 veterans interred at this cemetery. We will have guest speakers, TAPS, 21 gun salute and a special guest who will perform during our ceremony. We are looking forward to another successful year and would like to thank the Navy Wives Club of America Honeybee's #257 for their hard work and dedication in making all of this possible-- along with all the family, friends, clubs, organizations and businesses who donate or sponsor wreaths for our veterans here. We thank you all!

- St. Thomas Episcopal Diamondhead has been holding an outreach fundraiser called Gourmet To Go. Parishioners make casseroles, soups, meats, desserts, and other goodies, all available for sale to those in the community. People come from all over to purchase and take the delicious goodies home to store in their freezer for the holidays or for company which takes the stress out of entertaining! Last year, money raised went to the Hancock County Food Pantry and Hancock Kids In Need-an outreach through our local Hancock High School. The food pantry received \$600, and the Kids in Need received \$100 a month for nine months, a total of \$900. St. Thomas is deeply grateful to the community for supporting this outreach. We look forward to seeing you again this year for Gourmet To Go December 14, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead 10:00 until 12:00. Come early for the best selections.

- The Fire Truck Christmas parade is scheduled to begin at noon. Numerous fire trucks parade through Kiln with Santa Claus. The parade starts at Bobinger Road and ends at the Hancock County Arena, located at 4184 Kiln-Delisle Rd.

- The children of M.A.P. will perform a Christmas live Nativity reenactment on the grounds of the historic Train Depot in Bay St. Louis at 7 p.m. in the Alice Moseley pavilion.

- The 100 Men Hall presents A Soulful Christmas. Breakfast, selfless with Black Santa, games, and prizes for the kids. Open to the public. The 100 Men Hall is located at 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis. The event lasts from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Celebrate Christmas under the starry skies during First Baptist Church's, located on Main Street in Bay St. Louis, reenactment of the Christmas story. It begins at 6 p.m.

- Did you know that not only does Santa love cookies and milk, he loves Science! Santa is making a special trip to INFINITY Science Center for the Christmas season. Bring your wish list and your camera to get a photo with the big man himself. This will be a fun day of science activities around Santa's

favorite holiday.To add to the fun, Mississippi's Magic Man Dorian LaChance will be bringing magic to the event. There will be two shows - 10:30am and 1:30pm. The magic show will include comedy, audience participation and of course amazing magical fun just right for the holiday season. The event will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. INFINITY Science Center is located at 1 Discovery Circle, Pearlinton. The cost is \$12.50 to \$16.

- The 2019 International Christmas Festival and Pastry sale is scheduled for Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 255 Beauvoir Rd., Biloxi. Greek food and pastries, eastern European food and pastries, live entertainment and dancing, fun family activities, marketplace gifts, and church tours. Free admission.

- Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will sponsor their annual Children's Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the American Legion Post 77 located at 503 Waveland Ave. The Christmas Craft Fair is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Admission is \$6.00 per child and includes lunch, snacks and craft supplies. Parents, here is your opportunity to go Christmas shopping, visit a friend, etc., while your children enjoy lunch, crafts, storytelling and a visit from Santa. Children will be served lunch and cookies & punch at snack time. All children will be supervised by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Unit 77. For more information or to pre-register contact Diane Fountain at 467-2198.

**DECEMBER 17**

- The Waveland Public Library, located at 345 Coleman Ave., will host A Nutcracker Christmas at 6 p.m. Santa Claus and refreshments.

- WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

**DECEMBER 19**

- The Kiln Public Library, located at 17065 Hwy. 603, will host A Down Home Christmas at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck and refreshments will be served.

**DECEMBER 21**

- Santa will arrive by boat the Bay St. Louis Harbor during Santa, Boats, and a Bonfire. There will be photos with Santa, music, and a bonfire. It begins at 4 p.m.

**DECEMBER 22**

- There will be a Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and Latke brunch at the 100 Men Hall, located at 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis. Jazz brunch featuring Panorama Jazz Band. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

**DECEMBER 27**

- The NAACP will host a Kwanzaa celebration which will also feature a Kinara lighting and more at the 100 Men Hall, located at 303 Union St., Bay St.

Louis. The event begins at 6 p.m.

**DECEMBER 31**

- Ring in the New Year with music, fireworks, and a special themed drop. Located on Beach Boulevard across from 200 N. Beach restaurant in Bay St. Louis.

**JANUARY 27**

- Join us for Homeschool Monday: Engineering as we explore concepts and engage in hands on activities!Activities are geared for homeschoolers ages 12 and under, but of course everyone is welcome! Homeschool Monday activities will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.Special Lab: Rube-Goldberg (Ages 11 and up)!Learn about simple machines, conservation of energy, and chain reactions. We will use simple machines to build a Rube-Goldberg device to perform a simple task using a very complicated process. The cost for this class is \$3 per student and must be paid online in advance. Admission fee of \$9 per person is to be paid at upon arrival. This class is for ages 11 and up and is open to 20 participants. The class will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. on January 27 as a part of Engineering Home School Monday. If you have any questions please contact dtorres@visitinfinity.com. Present your registration receipt to the admissions counter for \$9 Homeschool Monday admission. All payments are due upon arrival. By attending this event you consent to INFINITY Science Center's photography policy.

**APRIL 25, 2020**

- Bay Senior High School Class of 1970 has scheduled its 50th class reunion. All classmates and friends of the class are invited to call Cheryl at 228-206-0432 for more information.

*Disclaimer: Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Please keep submissions limited to about 100 words or less. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically to gbelcher@seacoastecho.com.*





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# United Way of South Mississippi Announces 2020 Dragon Boat Festival Date

## SEA COAST ECHO

Dragon boats will be in the water again in 2020, announces United Way of South Mississippi.

The fifth annual Gulf Coast Dragon Boat Festival, a key fundraiser for UWSM, will be held at The Dock on Seaway Road in Gulfport on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Race participants and sponsors are encouraged to sign up early. Both participant and non-participant sponsorship levels are

available. A team sponsorship costs \$1,600 for businesses and \$1,300 for non-profit organizations. A sponsorship packet can be downloaded at [www.uwdragonboat.com](http://www.uwdragonboat.com).

Volunteer opportunities are also available, and anyone interested in volunteering can contact Kellee Caldwell, director of volunteers and special projects, at [kcaldwell@unitedwaysm.org](mailto:kcaldwell@unitedwaysm.org).

During the festival, teams, consisting of employees from businesses and nonprofits, race in 46-

foot-long boats to the finish line in various heats. Teams consist of 20 paddlers, a cox who steers the dragon boat from the rear and a drummer who sits at the front.

The festival will also feature live entertainment, a crawfish boil, activities for children and other fun, said UWSM CEO Kathy Springer.

"We are encouraging people to save the Dragon Boat Festival date, and we are asking local businesses or nonprofits to consider a sponsorship," said

Springer. "The festival is fun for the entire family, and it helps us do so many great things in the community."

Festival proceeds directly benefit UWSM, which seeks to improve the health, education and financial stability of all people in Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River and Stone counties.

In July, UWSM awarded \$650,000 in community impact grants to 11 area nonprofits, which help fund programs like Project Learn at the Boys & Girls

Clubs of the Gulf Coast, the mobile food pantry program at Feeding the Gulf Coast and the children's program at the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence.

UWSM also operates PreK4Ward, which offers free preschool to 140 children; savings programs, including the FamilyWise prescription discount card and free tax preparation services; Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which delivers one book each month to children from birth to age 5; United

Way Readers, which pairs adult volunteers with children to provide reading practice; and the Little Free Library program, which promotes neighborhood book exchanges through free public bookcases.

For more information on the festival, contact Joshua Wilson, director of marketing and communications, at (228) 896-2213 or at [jwilson@unitedwaysm.org](mailto:jwilson@unitedwaysm.org).

For more information about UWSM, visit [www.unitedwaysm.org](http://www.unitedwaysm.org).

## Savannah hollies decorate landscapes past Christmas

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I love when the calendar strikes December 1, because it means we are officially in the Christmas season. Now, I know it seems like many stores have had their holiday decorations out since before Labor Day, but none of that counts until we get to December.

Lately, I've been promoting cool-season annuals for winter color, and my advice for those plants holds. But one group of landscape plants needs some extra attention paid to it this time of year. Of course, I'm talking about the hollies.

Today, I want to talk to you about a reliable favorite of mine for many years, the Savannah holly.

This time of year, these plants are loaded down with red berries. With its red berries and green

leaves, the holly may be the official Christmas plant of the landscape. Plus, it is a superb and versatile evergreen plant to grow in our Mississippi gardens and landscapes all year.

Savannah holly is known botanically as *Ilex x attenuata* and is a hybrid of two of our native hollies, American holly (*Ilex opaca*) and dahoon holly (*Ilex cassine*). It is also a close cousin to another great landscape holly, Foster's holly.

Savannah hollies are moderate growing large shrubs or small trees with the potential to reach up to 35 feet tall. They make great screens or are great-looking landscape specimens. These hollies naturally have a pyramidal growth habit.

Their summer foliage is typically a dull, light green. Leaf margins have soft spines of varying numbers on each leaf. These spines are representative of the American holly parent. When grown with other

hollies that have dark, glossy green foliage, Savannah holly can appear to be a bit yellowish. But the foliage color is perfectly normal.

During the winter months, when exposed to cold weather, the foliage, like many of our evergreen landscape plants, may become a bit yellowish-purple or be tinged with red. The heavy berry production can also lead to leaf yellowing, also called chlorosis.

The berries can be a real showstopper from November through March. Tight clusters of berries are formed towards the ends of the branches. The berry color is reminiscent of fluorescent red, and each berry is a quarter-inch or more in diameter.

All hollies are dioecious, with each plant having male and female parts. For good berry production, male and female plants must be in relative proximity. It's a good thing that hollies are considered

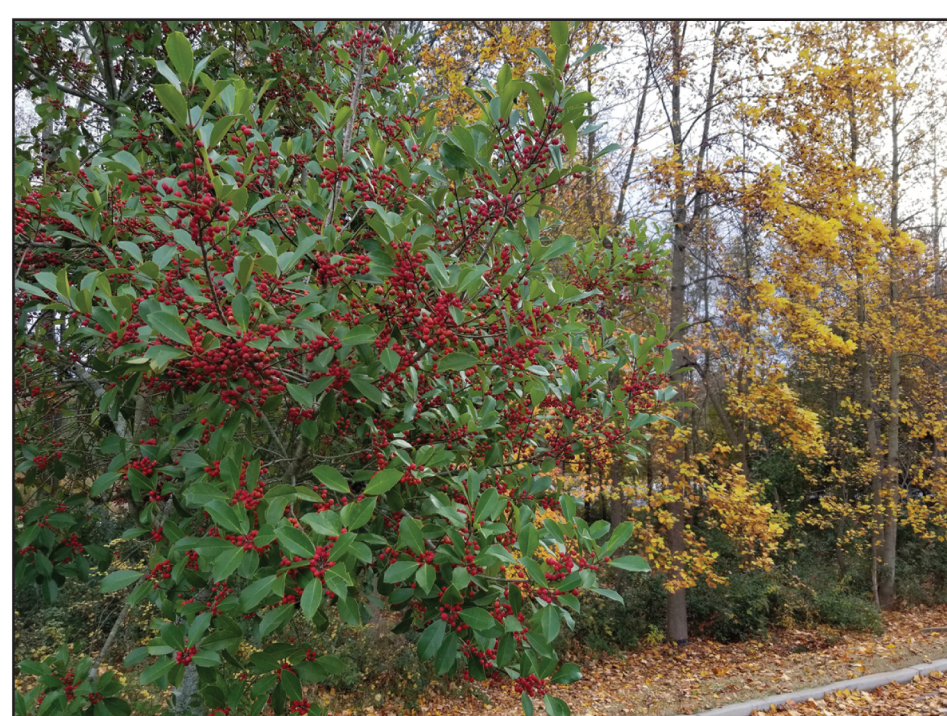


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Savannah hollies are loaded down with red berries in early winter, but this versatile evergreen plant is ideal in Mississippi landscapes all year.

promiscuous in regard to pollination!

Native American hollies are common across the state and can provide the requisite pollination for the Savannah, as well as other

fruiting hollies.

Savannah hollies tolerate almost any well-drained landscape soil. These plants also tolerate confined root zones because of their small root

diameter and great number of roots. Cities often use Savannah hollies in median plantings, which is a testament to their toughness.

## St. Rose to host Reindeer Fun Run - Walk

### SEA COAST ECHO

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church is hosting a Reindeer 5K Fun Run - 2-Mile Walk on Saturday December 7. Runners and walkers will take off from Washington Street on the Beach Walk at 8:00 a.m. and head south toward Aiken Street and return to the finish line at Washington Street.

"This is a first-time holiday event for St. Rose," said event chairperson Goldie Fairconnetue. "We wanted to do something that was both healthy, fun and that corresponds with the holiday season."

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place finishers in the boys and girls under 18 division, and adult male and female 18 years of age and older categories in the 5K run. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded to children 15 years of age and younger.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate.

A long-sleeved tee shirt will be given to each participant who registers by November 26th. Registration for the 5K Fun Run - 2 Mile Walk costs \$20 per adult and \$12 per child under 18 years of age. If there is more than one child in a family, the cost is \$10 per child.

If you are not be interested in participating as a runner or walker and would like to support this church fundraiser, tee shirt sponsorships are available. Businesses or family names and logos will be placed on the back of the tee shirt at a cost of \$100.

"We're excited about the community coming out to support this holiday event," said Fairconnetue. "A Reindeer Run is a great way of kicking off the holiday season."

Applications are available in the church bulletin, the St. Rose de Lima office and by contacting Goldie Fairconnetue at 228-332-0526.

## African Penguins Headline Gulfport Harbor Lights Festival

### SEA COAST ECHO

Tickets are on sale now for the 5th annual Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival. Mississippi Aquarium will attend this year's festival to celebrate the holiday season with their African Penguin friends. The penguins will be available for pictures on Monday, December 2nd and Monday, December 9th. Pictures with the penguins are free with general admission, just be sure to have your camera or phone ready.

The African Penguin exhibit will be the first traveling exhibit featured at Mississippi Aquarium and will be open for a limited

time. The Aquarium supports conservation efforts for the endangered African Penguin population by leading efforts to increase conservation projects through public education and engagement.

The Harbor Lights display features over 1.2 million lights illuminating all of Jones Park. The seasonal event also features carnival rides, food concessions, and free pictures with Santa. The Harbor Lights Festival kicks off November 29th and is open daily from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm through December 31st.

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- General Admission = \$10  
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Blaine LaFontaine, President  
Board of Supervisors  
Hancock County, Mississippi  
By: Kathleen Steffle, D.C.  
11/27; 12/04/19

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ALTON LONNIE BRANNEN, DECEASED  
EVELYN DIANA BALLARD, PETITIONER  
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-CV-00358-MA  
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION HAVING  
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#### BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
IN RE: PETITION FOR CLEMENCY  
BY LESLIE DANIELLE DEWITT  
LESLIE DANIELLE DEWITT PETITIONER  
NOTICE**

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FEEL THAT THE REPRIEVE, PARDON OR  
CLEMENCY SHOULD BE GRANTED.  
THIS THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.  
LESLIE DANIELLE DEWITT

BY: /s/ JIM DAVIS  
HONORABLE JIM DAVIS  
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AFM INVESTMENTS, LLC. PLAINTIFF  
VS.**

**BRUCE A. FAGAN, LEE ANN FAGAN,  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, STATE  
OF MISSISSIPPI, BY AND THROUGH,  
HONORABLE JIM HOOD ATTORNEY GEN-  
ERAL, HONORABLE JOEL SMITH AS DIS-  
TRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUN-  
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TEREST, WHETHER LEGAL OR EQUI-  
TABLE, IN OR TO THE FOLLOWING  
DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON  
AUGUST 29, 2011: VIZ PARCELS NO.  
132R-0-10-043.000 AND 132R-0-10-044.000**

**DEFENDANTS  
CAUSE NO. 2019-CV-64-CB  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**TO: BRUCE A. FAGAN, LEE ANN FAGAN**  
All persons or parties in interest claiming an  
interest, whether legal or equitable, in or to  
the Land sold for taxes on August 29, 2011:  
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YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO  
PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You have been made Defendants in the law-  
suit filed in the Chancery Court of Hancock  
County, Mississippi, by Plaintiff, AFM Invest-  
ments, LLC., for Confirmation of Tax Title  
and for other relief on the Subject Property.  
Defendants other than you in this action are  
Hancock County, Mississippi, the State of  
Mississippi, through the Attorney General  
Honorable Jim Hood, and Honorable Joel  
Smith, District Attorney for Hancock County,  
Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a  
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You must also file the original of your  
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this the 5th day November, 2019.

(SEAL)  
Timothy A. Kellar  
Hancock County Chancery Clerk  
152 Main Street, Suite A  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
By: Tammy Meyer D.C.

Gene D. Berry, Attorney At Law  
P.O. Box 1631  
Madison, MS 39130  
601-898-0142  
11/20; 11/27; 12/04/19

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on or about the 21st day of  
August 2017, **Henry F. Farve III** conveyed  
in trust, for the benefit of Preston Mauffray  
as trustee on behalf of lender, iFreedom  
Direct Corporation, with Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) nominee  
for lender and beneficiary, that certain tract  
of real property situated in Hancock County,  
Mississippi, more particularly described as  
follows:

Lots 54 & 55, Square 153, BAYSIDE PARK  
SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, Hancock County,  
Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of  
record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of  
Hancock County, Mississippi.  
Indexing Instructions: Lots 54 & 55, Square  
153, BAYSIDE PARK S/D, Un. 2

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust is filed and  
found among the land records of Hancock  
County, Mississippi, as instrument 2017-  
17742;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2019, MERS as nom-  
inee for iFreedom Direct Corporation as-  
signed and transferred said Deed of Trust to  
Wintrust Mortgage, a Division of Barrington  
Bank and Trust Co., N.A. in an Assignment  
of Deed of Trust recorded as instrument  
2019-17669; and  
WHEREAS, the undersigned M. REED  
MARTZ was substituted as Trustee in re-  
placement of Preston Mauffray named in said  
Deed of Trust (see Substitution of Trustee  
recorded as instrument 2019-2098); and  
WHEREAS, the said Beneficiary has request-  
ed the Substituted Trustee to foreclose said  
Deed of Trust; default having been made and  
declared in the payment of the indebtedness  
secured by said conveyance in trust,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, M. Reed  
Martz, by virtue of the authority conferred  
upon me, will offer for sale and will sell at  
public sale and outcry to the highest and best  
bidder for cash, between the hours of 11  
o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., at the east  
door of the Hancock County Courthouse at  
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on the 6th day of  
December 2019, the hereinabove described  
land and property being the same land and  
property described in said Deed of Trust, situ-  
ated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi.  
WITNESS my signature, on this the 30th day  
of October 2019.

/s/ M. Reed Martz, Esq. Substituted Trustee  
Freeland Martz, PLLC  
662-234-1711  
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of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St.  
Louis, MS, until 10:00 a.m., December 16,  
2019 and shortly thereafter publicly opened  
for providing **GRAVEL & SAND** to Hancock  
County, for a period of one year beginning  
at bid acceptance until December 31, 2020  
or until a new bid is accepted.

Bid specifications are available, upon  
request, from Robin Benoit of the Hancock  
County Purchasing Department, 854 Hwy 90,  
Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 or by  
calling 228-466-8231, or by visiting:  
<http://www.hancockcounty.ms.gov/pages/purchasing-department.aspx>

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and filed in the Hancock County Board of  
Supervisors Office, 854 Hwy 90, Suite A,  
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The Board reserves the right to reject any  
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POSTS** to Hancock County, for a period of  
one year beginning at bid acceptance until  
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S  
NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2005, **Judith Malley,**  
a single woman, executed a deed of trust  
for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Regis-  
tration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Hibernia  
National Bank, its successors and assigns,  
whose deed of trust was recorded on May 23,  
2005, in Book 2005, Page 2682 in the office  
of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,  
Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned deed of  
trust was assigned by Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for  
Hibernia National Bank, its successors and  
assigns, to Citibank, N.A., as trustee for  
CMLTI Asset Trust, by instrument dated  
March 7, 2018, and recorded on March 29,  
2018, in Book 2018, Page 6398 of the  
records of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned deed of trust  
was assigned by Chimera Funding TRS LLC,  
by instrument dated July 3, 2018, and  
recorded on July 25, 2018, in Book 2018,  
Page 15501 of the records of the aforesaid  
Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned deed of trust  
was assigned by Chimera Funding TRS LLC  
to CIM Trust 2018-R4, by instrument dated  
December 7, 2018, and recorded on January  
2, 2019, in Book 2019, Page 18 of the  
records of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and  
WHEREAS, the aforementioned deed of trust  
was assigned by CIM Trust 2018-R4 to U.S.  
Bank National Association, not in its  
individual capacity but solely in its capacity  
as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2



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**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE RED DOT STORAGE 118 -BAY OF ST. LOUIS LOCATED AT 801 TURNER ST., BAY OF ST. LOUIS MS 39520 INTENDS TO HOLD A PUBLIC SALE TO SELL THE PROPERTY STORED IN THE FOLLOWING UNITS STORED AT THE FACILITY. THE PUBLIC SALE WILL OCCUR AT AN ONLINE AUCTION via [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) ON 12/12/2019 AT 9:30 AM. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENTS ARE HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND FURNISHINGS. CHRISTIE ROBERTSON UNIT #2000; BERNIE MATHERSON UNIT #1036; NOLAN GRAY UNIT #0209. ALL PROPERTY IS BEING STORED AT THE ABOVE SELF-STORAGE FACILITY. THIS SALE MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE. CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY. SEE MANAGER FOR DETAILS.  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHERINE MARCY WHITE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23CH11-19-CV-673-JP ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **KATHERINE MARCY WHITE, DECEASED**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.  
JOSEPH ANTHONY GILBERTI ADMINISTRATOR

CAROLINE E. HAAS  
HAAS & HAAS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
201 NORTH SECOND STREET  
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520  
228-467-6574  
MS BAR NO. 104525  
12/04; 12/11; 12/18/19

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